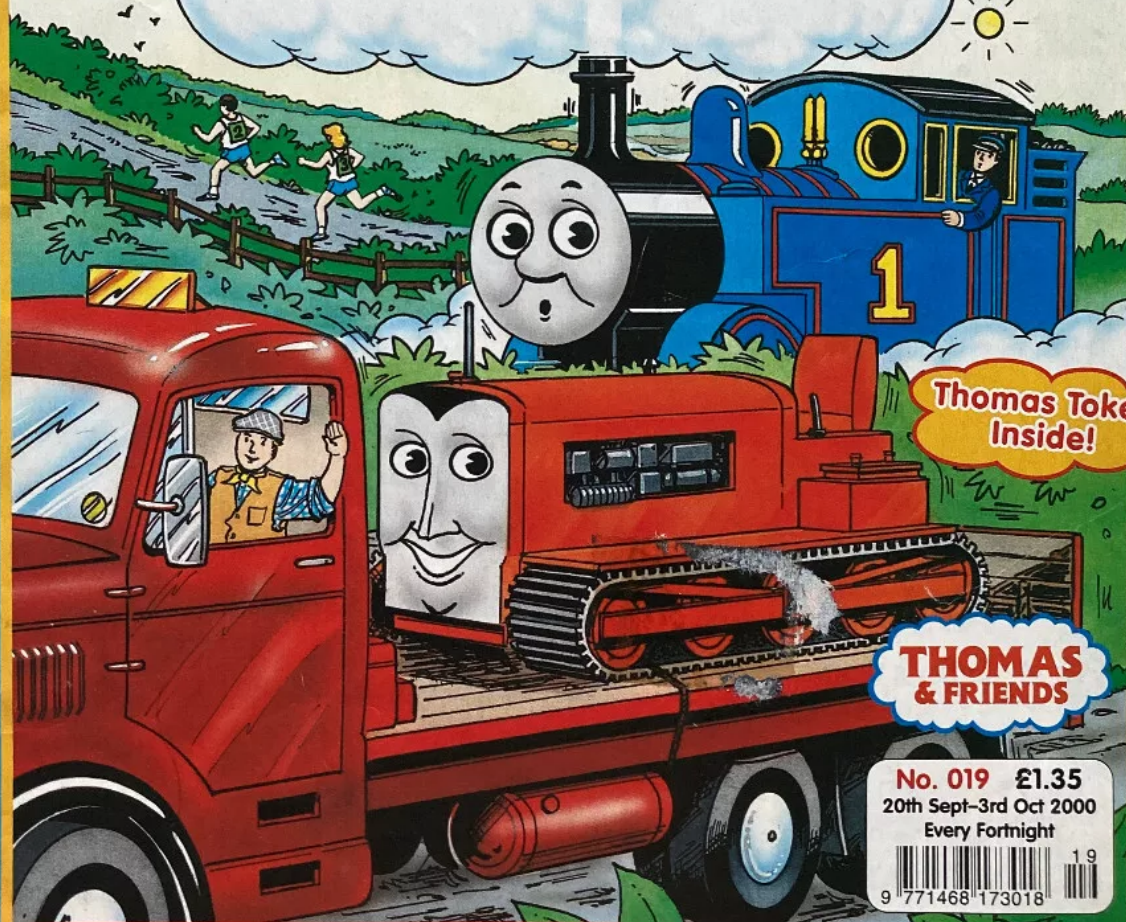


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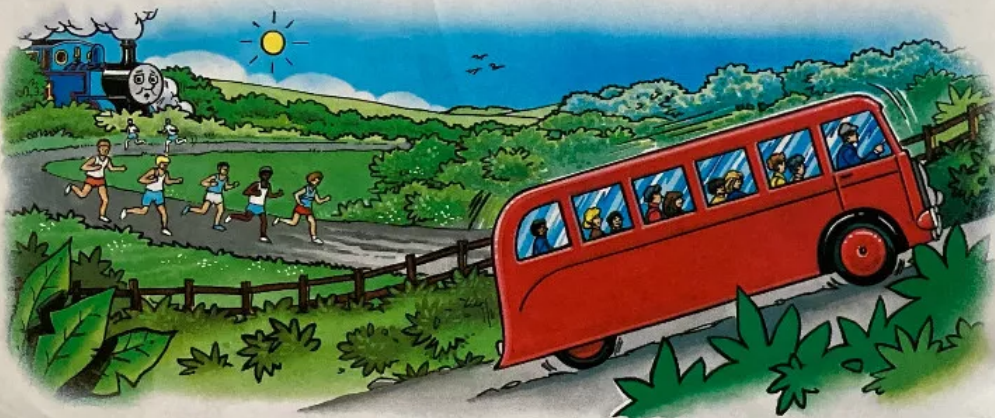


1. Thomas puffed breathlessly along his branch line. But he could only go very slowly as he badly needed a service. "Never mind! You're off to the Works tomorrow," called his driver.

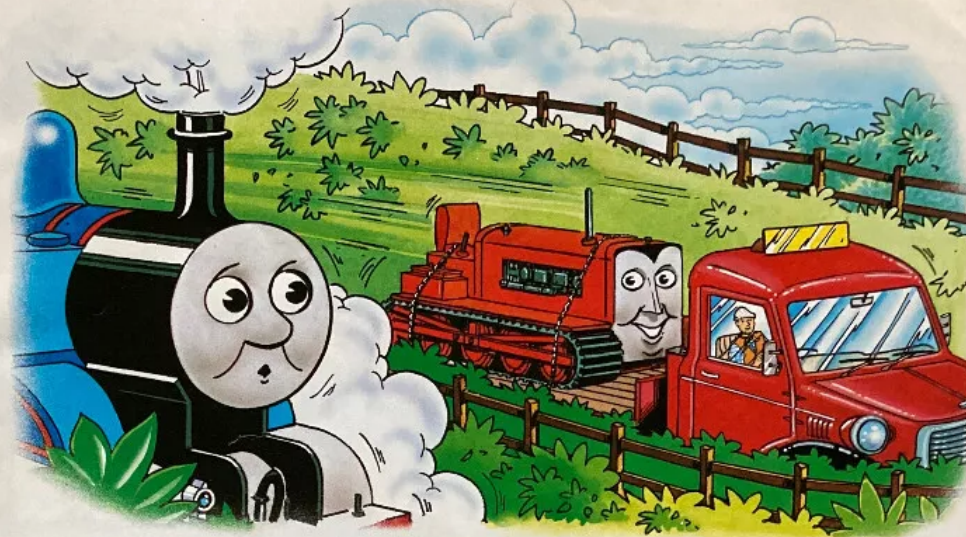
2. "Not a moment too soon!" gasped Thomas. Then Daisy came speeding smoothly along the other track. To make things worse, a team of cyclists pedalled past Thomas.



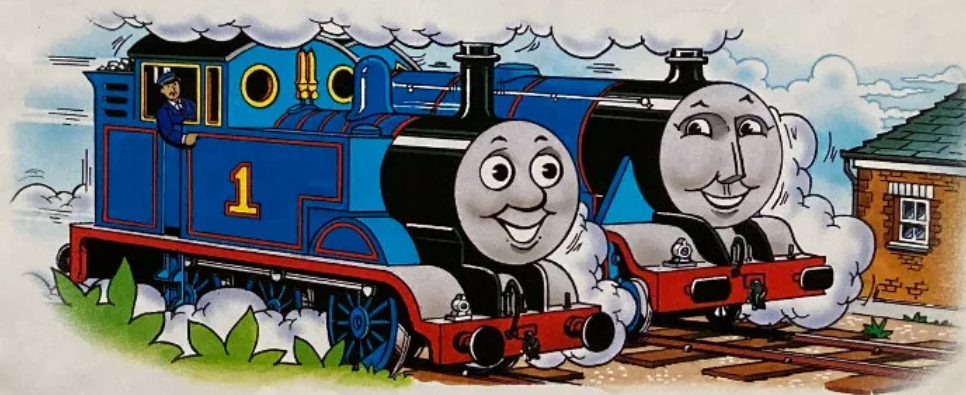
3. He clattered on wearily, near a big lake. Suddenly, Thomas saw a speedboat go skimming across it, pulling a water-skier.



4. Windsurfers and yachts went whizzing along too. At a hill, Bertie the Bus easily motored past Thomas who watched some runners in a nearby sports ground.

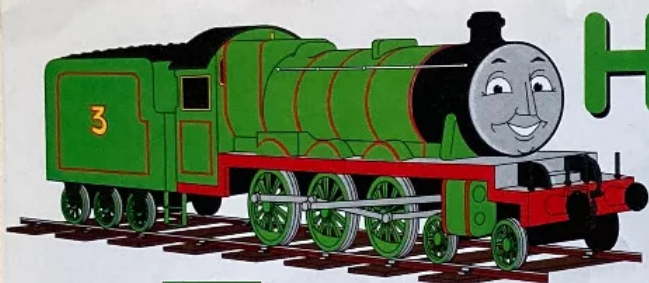


5. Even Terence the Tractor was going quickly, on a lorry taking him to a farm. But, at last, Thomas entered the Main Station.



6. "I can pull the Express so fast I hardly see anything but smoke and steam!" boasted Gordon. "Oh, going slowly isn't so bad," smiled Thomas. "You'd be surprised what you miss when you whizz along quickly!"





Henry's

Counting Time

Harold's hovering over the stables so he can watch the grooms, who are already working hard. They are cleaning out the stables and giving the horses their morning feed.



How many of each of these things can you spot in the big picture? Write the numbers in the circles.



horses



geese



people



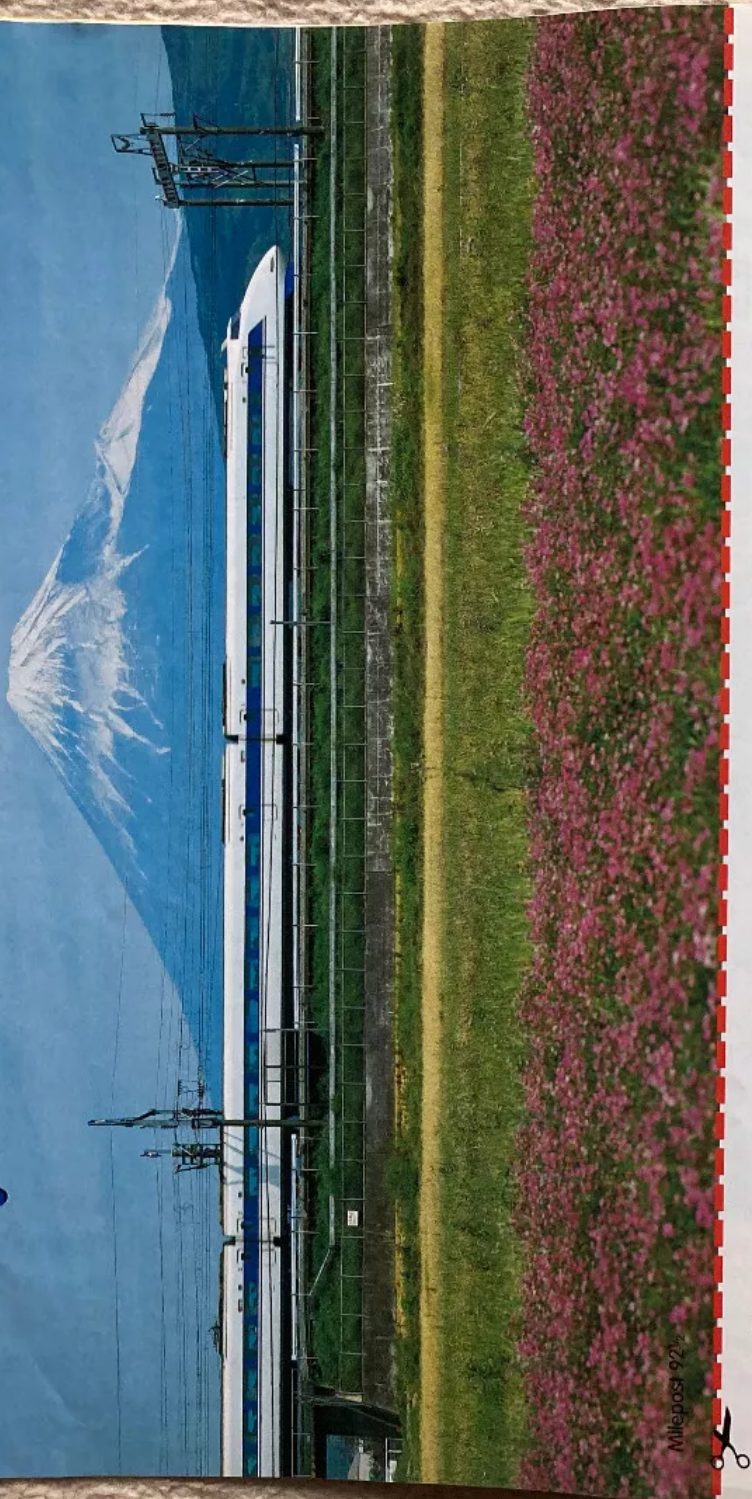
trees



buckets

Can you spot a cat somewhere in this picture?

Today's Trains



Milepost 92

Bullet trains are some of the fastest in the world. Some bullet trains in Japan travel at up to 240 kilometres per hour. Here is a bullet train zooming past Mount Fujiyama.
Point to the snow on top of the mountain.

Odd One Out!



Can you draw a ring around the odd one out in each row?

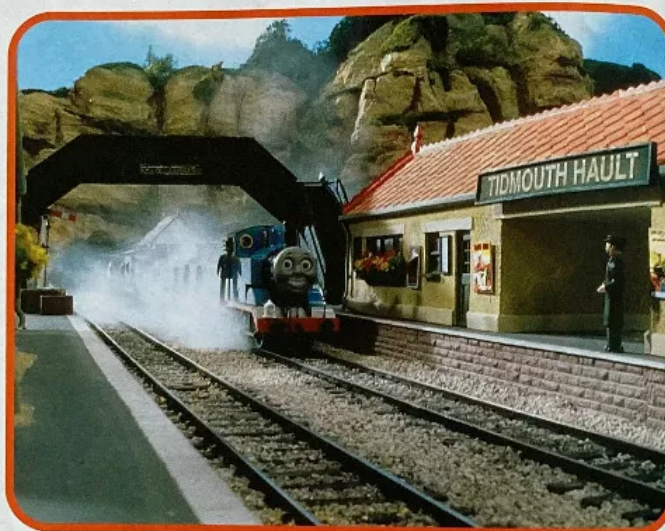




Fast and Slow!

Look at all the steam that Thomas is making as he slows down and stops at Tidmouth Hault station!

Point to the station sign.

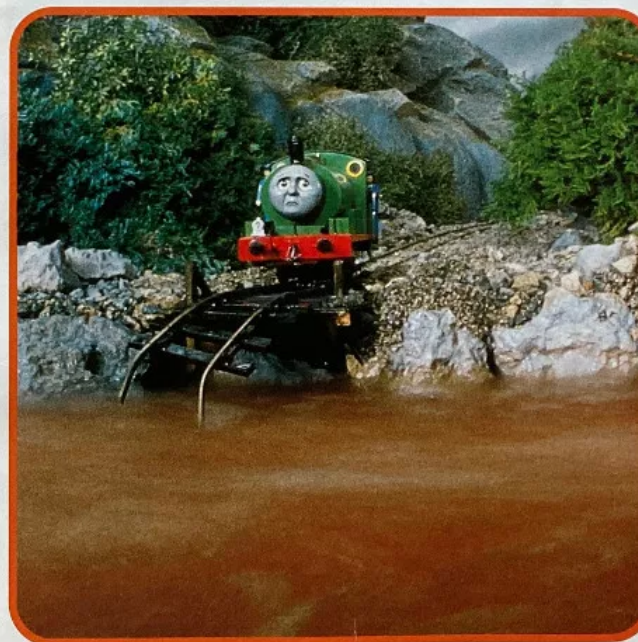
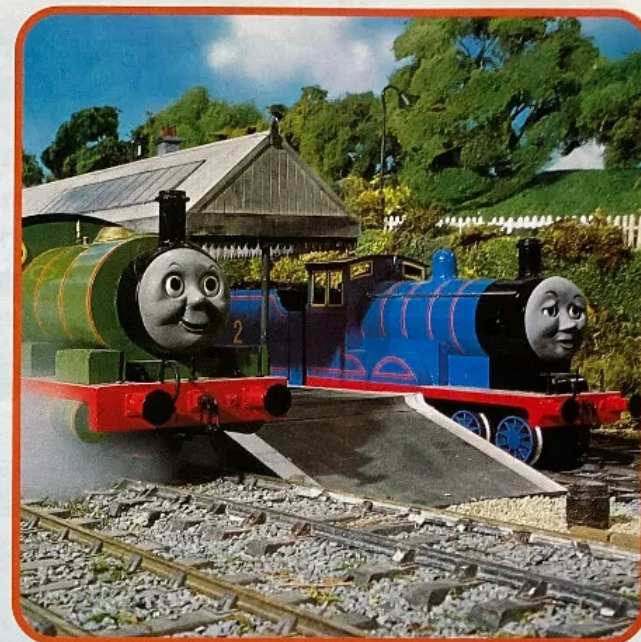


Today, Toby saw a brightly coloured barge as he was travelling along the riverbank.

Do you think Toby can go faster than the barge?

"I'll race you back to the engine sheds, Edward!" jokes Percy, as they chuff out of the station.

What number engine is Edward?



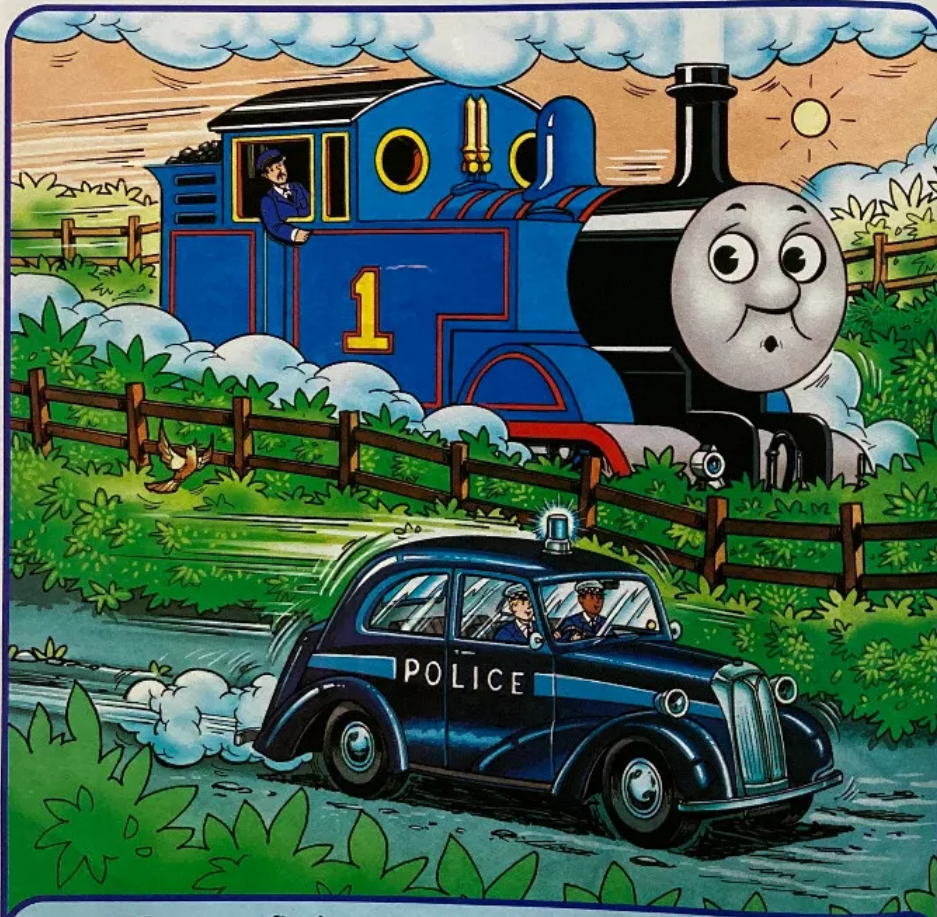
Oh no! The bridge that runs over the river has collapsed. Percy will have to stop quickly or he'll fall into the water!

Do you think Percy will stop in time?



Stop! Police!

This police car is in a real hurry! The policemen are on the trail of a gang of thieves. Nee-nah, nee-nah goes the police siren as the car zooms past Thomas!



Can you find something in the picture that is...

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yellow

blue

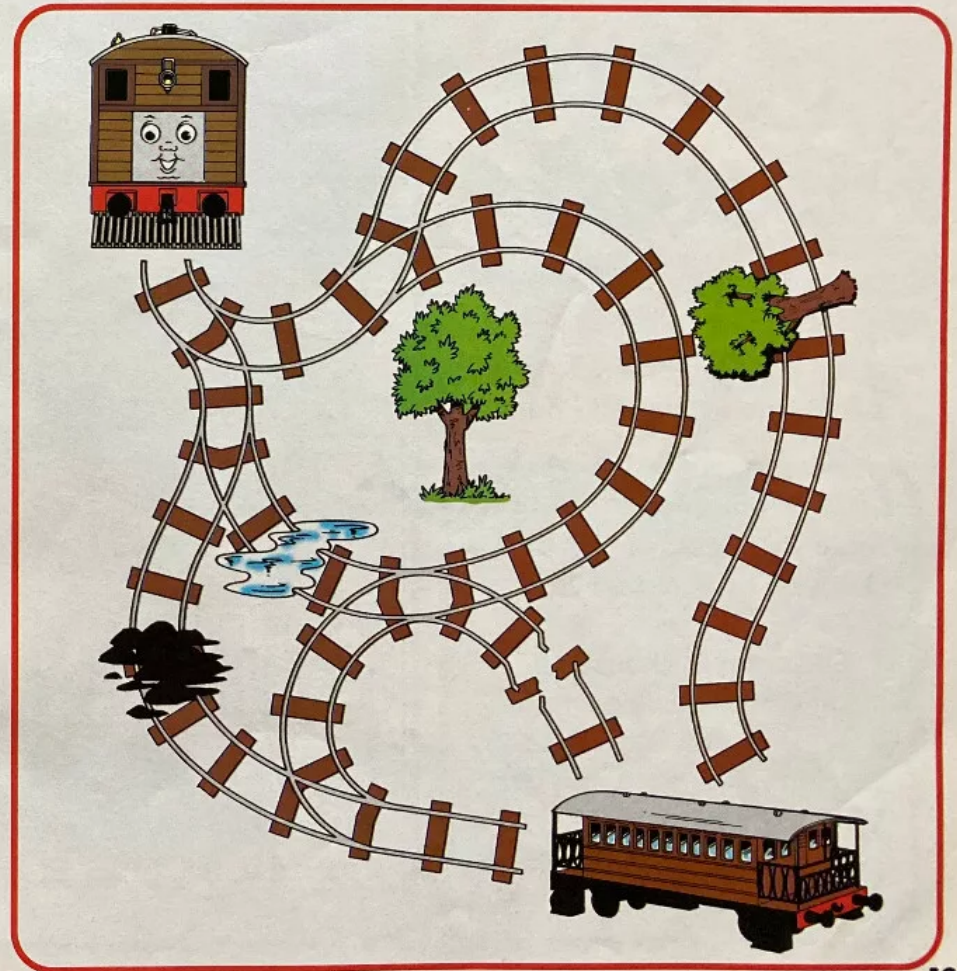
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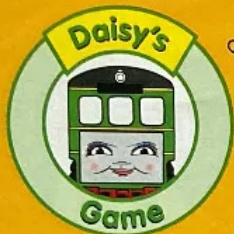
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The Quickest Way!



Toby needs to collect Henrietta from a siding. Using your finger or a pencil, can you show Toby the right way to go?





Counters

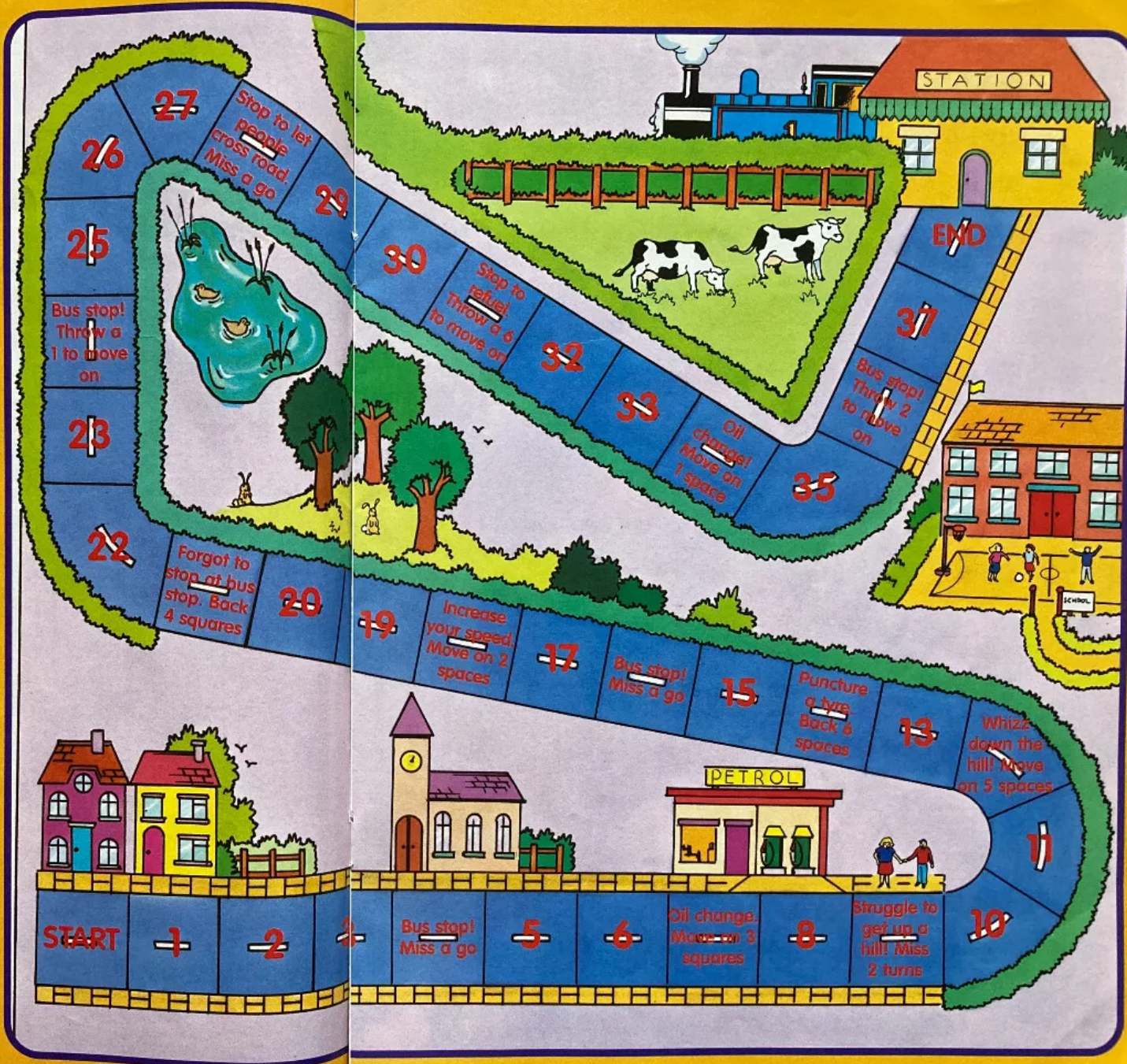


Battle of the Buses!

Bulgy has challenged Bertie to a race! Who do you think will win? Why not play this splendid game with a friend and find out?

First, ask an adult to cut out the character counters and stick them onto thin card.

Each player chooses a counter and places it on the **start** box. Now take turns to roll a die and move around the board. The first player to reach the station is the winner.



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Percy





In a Hurry!

Trace over the words below. Then read Rusty's rhyme and when you see a picture, say the right word!



Mavis



station



hill



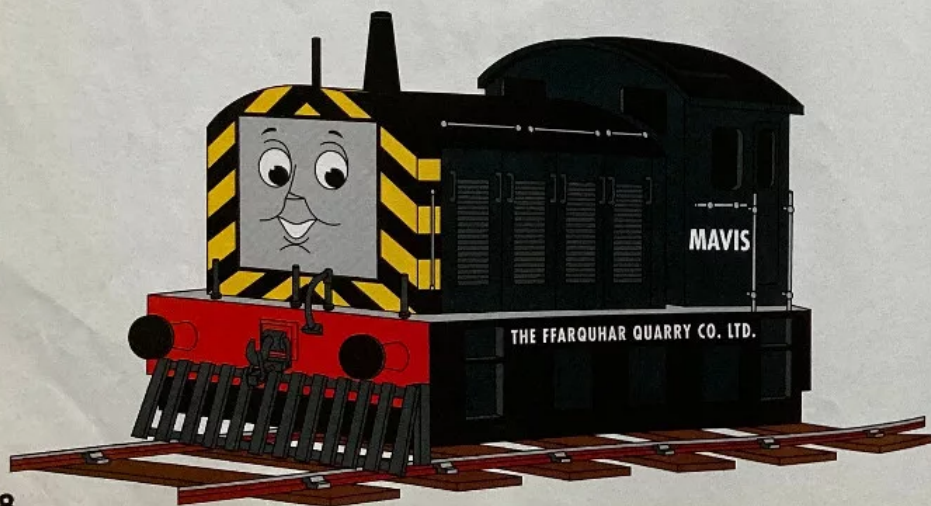
clock





truck




snail




At the quarry,  pulled a  of rock,


Passing a  she spotted a .


Its hands were at twelve, exactly midday,


Cried , "Oh, dear! I must hurry away!"


"The  is so heavy, it will make me late,


"My trip will take ages at this awful rate!"

To make matters worse, she neared a steep ,

When  had climbed it she was later still!

"What a slow engine, I'm more like a !"

Gasped  whose wheels clung onto each rail.

But downhill the huge load helped  go fast,

"Make way, please!" she boasted to engines she passed.



Travelling Around Sodor!

How many things can you count in each row?
Write the numbers in the circles.



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cars



horseriders

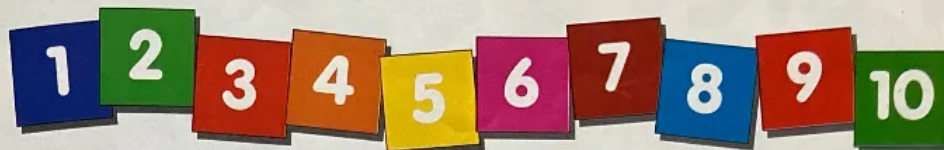


walkers



helicopters

There are lots of different ways in which the people of Sodor travel around the island every day.



barges



tractors



engine

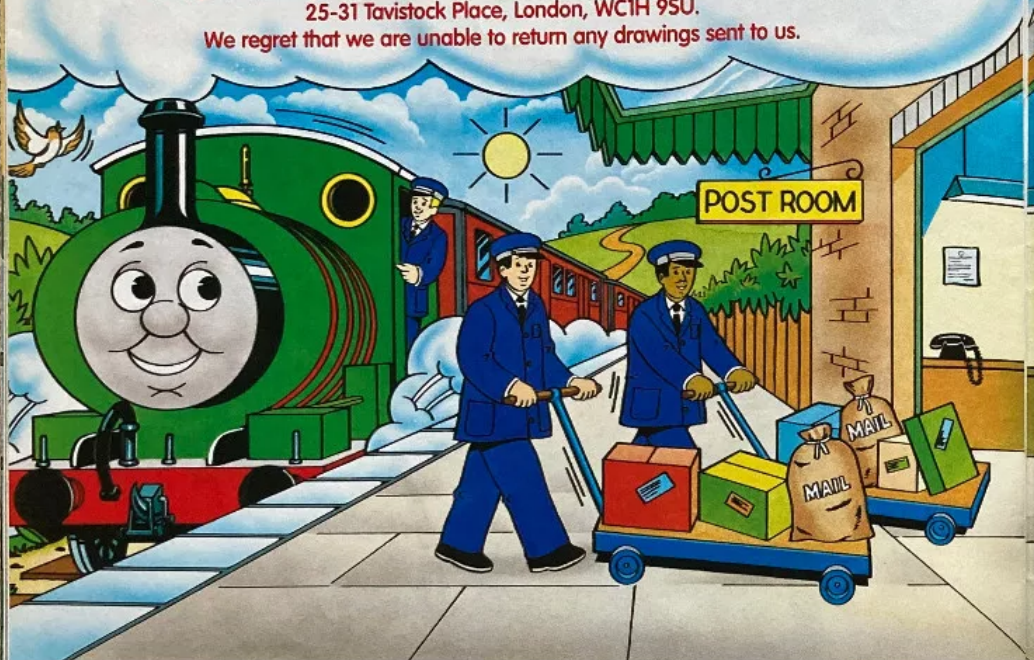


Which of these would be the quickest way to travel?

Which would be the slowest?

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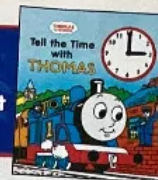


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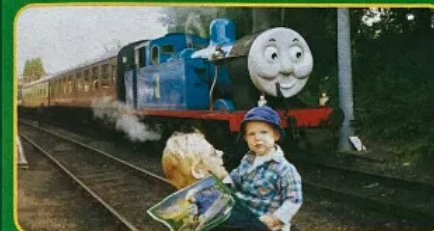


Thomas is busy pushing trucks!
By **Emma Barrett**, aged 4.

Every reader whose picture appears on this page wins a copy of Tell the Time with Thomas Book from Egmont Children's Books.



Star Letter



Dear Fat Controller,

Here is a picture of me with my mummy on a Day Out with Thomas at Shacklestone, near Nuneaton. We had a lovely day and look forward to seeing you again soon!

Love from **Calan Boucke**, aged 2½.

If we print your Star letter, you will receive one of these splendid **Thomas Big Loader** from TOMY.



Stepney is working hard on the Bluebell line! By **Aaron Hislop**, aged 6.



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Windy Weather!



Bertie and Thomas are travelling slowly today because the wind is so strong. Thomas keeps thinking that he'll be blown right off the tracks!



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Tick the circles as you find each one.



Point to something red in this picture.

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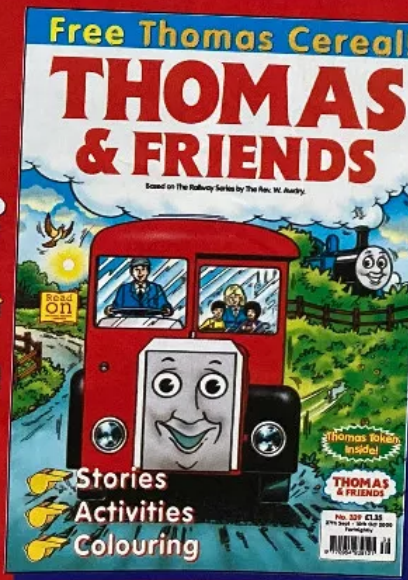


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with a smirk upon his face.



“While I speed along miles per hour
you just drift along at knots,



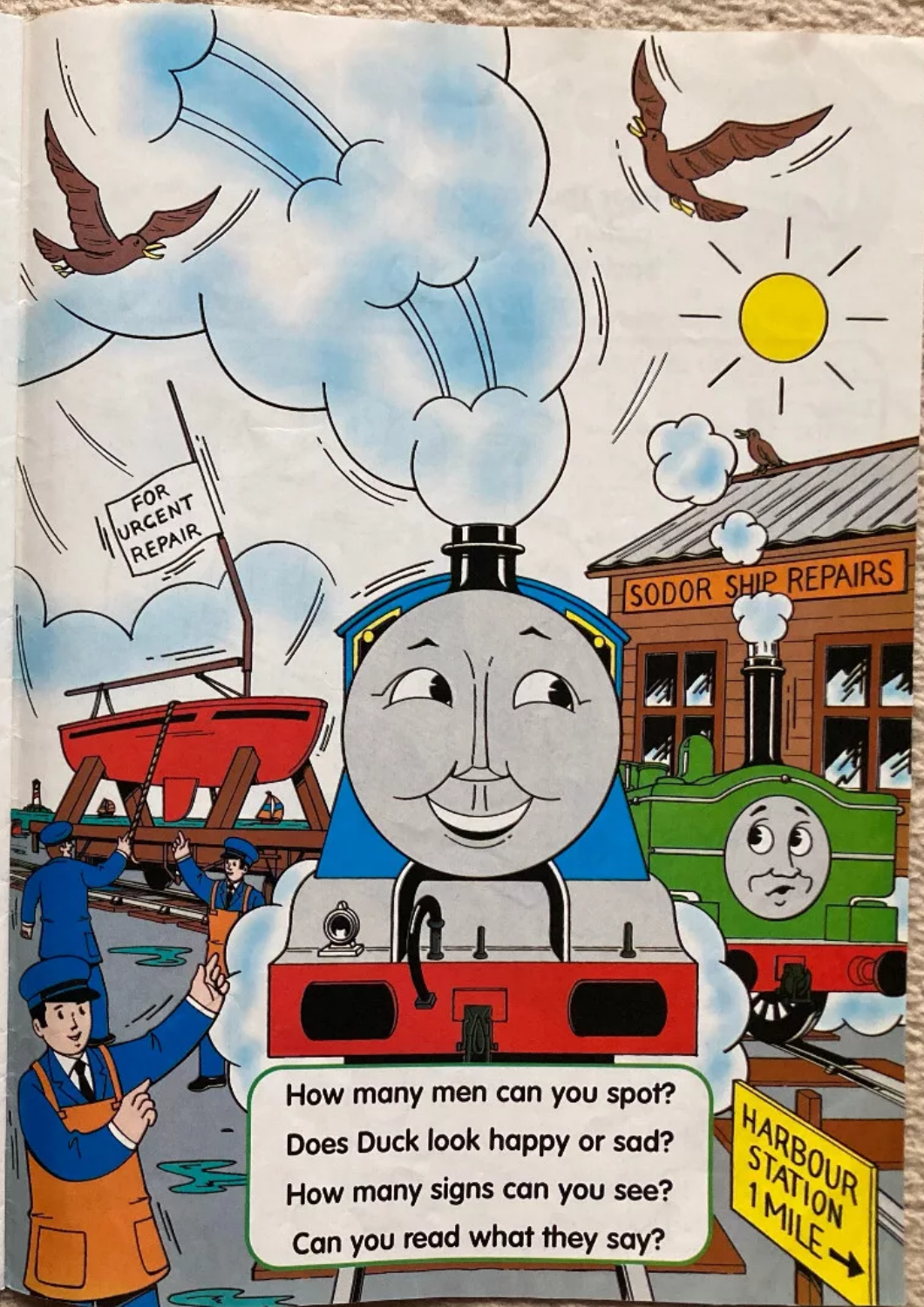
“You dinghys are just slow boats
and the same goes for yachts!”



But Duck has missed a detail
And when Gordon raced right past,



The dinghy just behind him laughed
“Now which one of us is fast!”



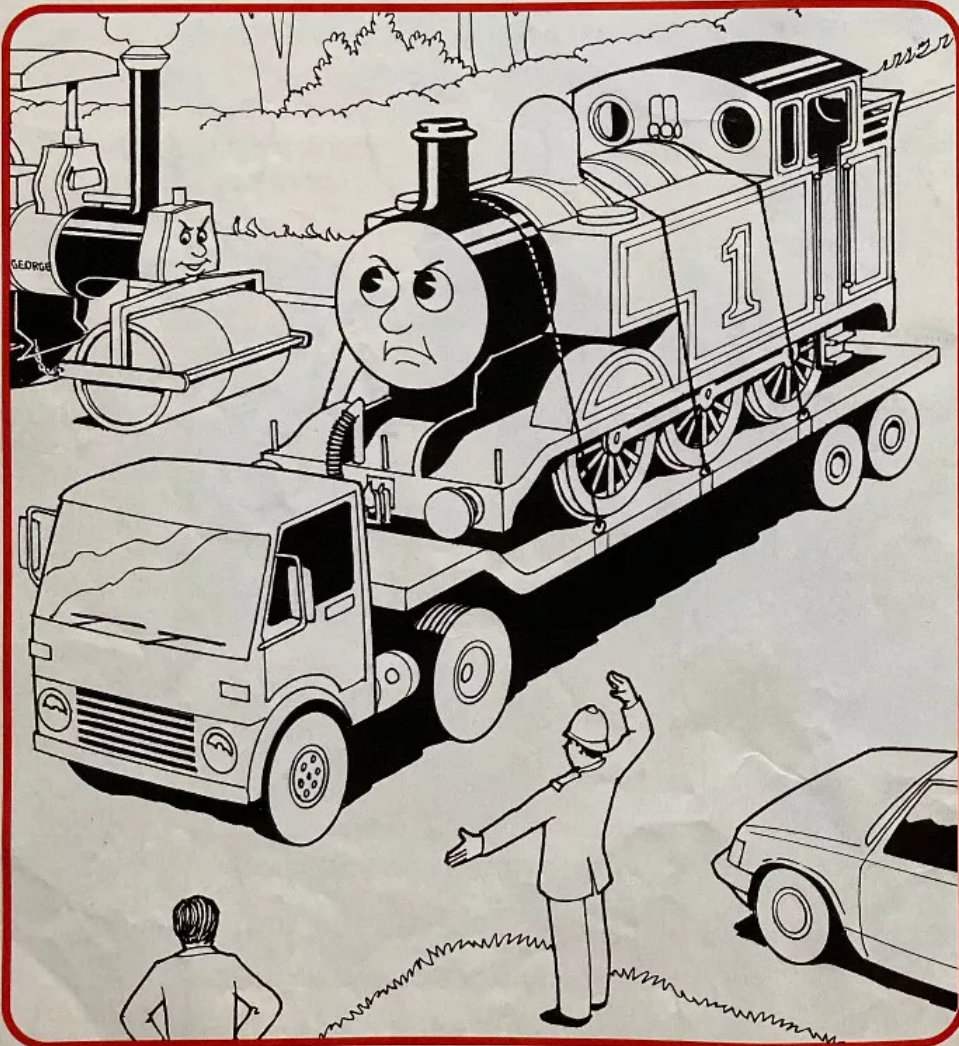
How many men can you spot?
Does Duck look happy or sad?
How many signs can you see?
Can you read what they say?



Piston Peril!

Poor Thomas has a leaky piston. He's being taken back to the Works so that it can be repaired.

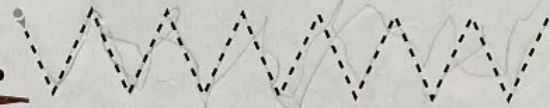
Colour in this picture brightly!



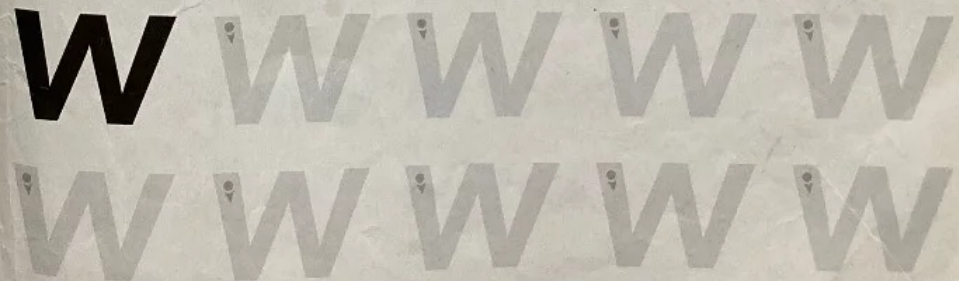
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Can you lead each engine to the right station by joining the dots?
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